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REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 13-68, and 70-74 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 14, 33, 40, 49, 53, 58, 70 and 74 have been amended herein. Claims 12 and 69 have been cancelled. A listing of all claims can be found at pages 4-16. Applicants' representative notes with appreciation the indication that claim 69 recites allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the allowable limitations (as identified by the Examiner in the Office Action) of this objected to claim have been incorporated into the independent claims. In addition, the specification has been amended as indicated on pages 2-3.

In view of these amendments and the below comments, it is believed all claims are in condition for allowance. It is noted that applicants' representative does not agree with the rejections of the originally filed claims based on the cited art of record, and therefore will pursue such claims in a continuation application.

I. Objection of Claims 14, 40 and 70

Claims 14, 40 and 70 are objected to because of minor informalities. These claims have been amended herein and withdrawal of this objection is requested.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-31, 33-47, 49-68 and 70-74 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-31, 33-47, 49-68 and 70-74 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kanevsky, *et al.* (U.S. 6,426,761). This rejection should be withdrawn for the following reasons. Independent claims 1, 33, 40, 49, 53, 58 and 74 (and their corresponding dependent claims) have been amended herein to recite the limitations of claim 69, which were deemed allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

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III. Rejection of Claims 32 and 48 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 32 and 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanevsky. This rejection should be withdrawn for the following reasons. Claims 32 and 48 depend from independent claims 1 and 40, which have been amended to recite the allowable limitations of claim 69. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

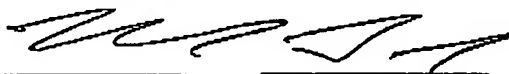
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP321US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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